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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the creation of the post of a Commissioner for Food Production Scheme in Mysore

ORDER No. 1898-1992—C.B. 66-49-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 9TH SEPTEMBER 1949.

Government are pleased to direct that the post of a Commissioner for Food Production be created, the officer appointed to the post to be mainly in charge of the "Three Crops Grow More Food Scheme". The Officer will have the powers of the Head of a Department.

He will have powers to co-ordinate the activities of all departments needed for production of more food-grains.

Details regarding his duties and his relationship with the Revenue, Public Works Departments and other allied Departments will be considered shortly.

A separate notification will issue regarding the posting of the officer as Commissioner for Food Production.

K. SRINIVASAN, Chief Secy.

Sanctions the abolition of the post of Controller of Civil Supplies.

Government Order No. 3621-81—C.B. 162-43-1, dated 6th April 1944, appointing the appointment of the Controller of Civil Supplies with the rank and status of a Deputy Commissioner for the administration and enforcement of control orders.

ORDER No. 2005-2104—C.B. 67-49-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 10TH SEPTEMBER 1949.

Work in the Civil Supplies Department has now come to a shape and it is felt that there is no need to continue to have a fulltime officer of the grade of a Deputy Commissioner in charge of the Department of Civil Supplies.

2. Government, therefore, direct that the separate post of the Controller of Civil Supplies be abolished and that the Commissioner for Food Production Scheme be entrusted with the duties the Controller of Civil Supplies has been discharging till now as *Ex-officio* Controller of Civil Supplies.

K. SRINIVASAN, Chief Secy.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Reviews the Administration Report of the Excise Department for the year 1947-48.

READ—

Letter No. B. 323-48-49, dated 4-10th December 1948, from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore, forwarding the annual report on the administration of the Excise Department for the year 1947-48 together with the prescribed Statistical statements.

ORDER No. S.R. 1032-44—Ex. 119-48-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 12TH SEPTEMBER 1949.

Recorded.

In pursuance of the accepted policy of achieving total prohibition in the State in a period of five years a reduction of 20% in the number of excise shops as well as in supply of intoxicants to them, was effected with effect from 1st July 1947. With a view to co-operate with the Government of Madras in their policy of Prohibition, a five-mile dry belt along the State border adjoining the Prohibition Districts of Madras Province, was created with effect from 1st April 1948 by the closure of all the excise shops in the belt besides closing all the remaining excise shops in the Bowringpet Taluk from the same date.

In addition to the above, steps were taken earlier on the same lines by the gradual closure of all the excise shops in Ramanagaram and Channarayana Taluks of Bangalore District and later all the shops in Pavagada and Melkote Taluks.

were also closed with effect from 1st January 1947 being the border taluks of Madras Province, where prohibition is in force. These shops continued to be closed during the year also.

Country Spirits.—The contract in favour of the Mysore Sugar Co., Ltd., for the manufacture and supply of liquors and the rates of several liquors payable to them continued during the year as in the previous year.

The number of shops licensed for the retail vend of molasses arrack was 377 (516) while that for the sale of bottled liquors was 26 (27).

The consumption of arrack of 35° U. P. was 3,59,097 gallons (4,84,838 gls.) while that of special liquors supplied in bottles was 14,547 gallons (18,561 gls.) The fall in the number of shops and in consumption is stated to be due to the policy of Prohibition embarked upon as explained above.

The incidence of consumption of arrack per 100 of the population came down to 3.42 (6'76) proof gallons.

Rectified and Denatured Spirits.—The number of licenses issued to chemists, druggists, charitable institutions and industrial concerns in the State was 68 (44). During the year 28,196 (32,648) gallons of rectified spirits including absolute alcohol were issued from the Distillery, Mandya, of which 12,740 (18,463) gallons were exported outside the State leaving 15,456 (14,184) gallons for use in the State.

The Distillery at Mandya continued to be under the executive control of the Deputy Commissioner, Mandya District.

The rates of duty on the spirit contents of medicinal preparations continued to be the same as in the previous year. The imports of spirituous medicinal preparations into the State were 1,466'974 (1,821'39) proof gallons bringing in a duty of Rs. 12,366-15-10 (Rs. 9,104-14-7) thereon, while 6,856'49 (5,007'66) proof gallons were exported outside the State.

The Distillery at Mandya issued 22,480 (29,490) gallons of denatured spirits during the year, of which 15,791 (12,968) gallons were consumed by 55 (92) local licensees, leaving a balance of 6,689 (16'522) gallons for export.

Toddy.—The number of shops licensed for the sale of date and cocoanut toddy was 1,295 (1,739) and that for the sale of bagani toddy was 269 (359) while the number of date, cocoanut and bagani trees tapped for the above shops was 2,77,266 (3,59,388), 57,633 (44,993) and 1,561 (2,349), respectively. Besides 8,266 (11,369) date and 9,376 (11,220) cocoanut trees were also tapped in the State for the shops in Madras Province.

Malt Liquors.—The number of licenses issued exclusively for the sale of country beer was reduced from 3 to 2 during the year. The consumption of beer amounted to 72,782 (1,16,748'5) gallons. Of this quantity, 19,976 (42,137) gallons were consumed by the military canteens and the remaining quantity of 52,806 (74,311'5) gallons were sold by the licensees. A quantity of 100 gallons was also exported.

Foreign Liquors.—During the year 58 (74) licenses for the sale of foreign liquor were issued and 40,980 (56,703) gallons of foreign liquors were consumed.

Hemp Drug.—There was no cultivation of ganja during the year. The stock of issuable ganja at the beginning of the year was 15,844'5 seers and a quantity of 71'12 seers was added by way of confiscation, thus making a total of 15,915'62 seers. The number of shops licensed to sell ganja was 178 (255) and the consumption was 6,673 (8,558) seers during the year. The duty on ganja was raised from Rs. 55 to Rs. 65 per seer of 80 tolas.

Opium.—The issue price of opium was raised from Rs. 150 to Rs. 175 per seer of 80 tolas. The number of shops licensed for the sale of opium was 73 (83) and the consumption fell from 631 seers to 390 seers during the year.

Offences.—The total number of offences reported during the year under Excise and Opium Acts was 4,248 (4,932), of which 951 (806) cases related to heinous offences. Including 290 (208) cases pending disposal at the beginning of the year, the total number of cases for disposal was (4,538) (5,140). Out of this, 3,508 (4,217) cases were disposed of departmentally and 914 (633) cases were sent up for trial in courts, leaving 116 (290) cases pending disposal at the end of the year. Out of a total number of 926 (656) cases before Magistrates, convictions were secured in 841 (602) cases during the year.

Finances.—The Revenue of the department during the year under the principal heads was as noted below:—

	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
1. Arrack ...	55,96,815	7	10	(73,90,771	13	6
2. Toddy ...	76,53,373	13	9	(1,02,16,316	11	5
3. Ganja ...	8,48,422	5	5	(11,02,642	1	9
4. Opium ...	1,71,194	15	4	(1,43,719	6	0
5. Other Items	15,11,575	4	9	(18,02,202	15	5
Total ...	Rs. 1,57,81,382	2	1	2,06,55,653	0	

Including the arrears of Rs. 66,497-3-3 (Rs. 1,54,491-6-6) outstanding at the beginning of the year, the total demand of Excise Revenue amounted to Rs. 1,58,50,996-6-6 (Rs. 2,07,34,996-15-1). A sum of Rs. 1,57,81,382-2-1 (Rs. 2,06,55,653-0-1) was collected and a sum of Rs. 21,497-6-6 (Rs. 12,846-11-9) was remitted, leaving a balance of Rs. 48,116-13-6 (Rs. 66,497-3-3) at the close of the year.

There was a fall in Revenue under all the heads except under opium, which recorded an increase due to increase under "gain on manufacture of opium". The fall in Revenue was due to general cut of 20 per cent in rentals and consumption.

The expenditure of the department during the year amounted to Rs. 5,84,327-1-1 (Rs. 4,71,694-8-9). The incidence of taxation per head of population was Rs. 2-3-2 (Rs. 2-1-1).

Inspections.—The Deputy Commissioners of Tumkur, Channarayana, Mandya and Hassan have not conducted any inspection during the year while the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, inspected the Excise Branch of his office only. Their absence is drawn to Standing Orders in this behalf.

General.—The age old system of disposing of excise opium privileges by public auction, was discontinued during the year on the recommendation of the Prohibition Committee. They were renewed in favour of the previous year's license subject to 20 per cent reduction in the number of shops, rentals and consumption. The Mysore State Temperance Federation carried on, as usual, propaganda against the use of drink habit.

Though a good number of statements are appended to the Administration Report, hardly any reference is made to them in the body of the Report. This may be done in future to make the report more useful.

The working of the department was generally satisfactory.

SYED ABDUL ALEEM, *Rev. Secy.*

Appoints Sri T. Madiah Gowda, M.L.C., as the Chairman of the Bangalore District Development Committee.

ORDER No. L.B. 2938-41—V.P. 45-48-112, DATED BANGALORE, THE 14TH SEPTEMBER 1949.

Government are pleased to nominate Sri T. Madiah Gowda, B.A., LL.B., M.L.C., as the Chairman of the District Development Committee, Bangalore District, *vice* Sri V. Venkatappa, resigned.

SYED ABDUL ALEEM, *Rev. Secy.*

LAW SECRETARIAT

Places Sri C. Ramaswamy on Special Duty to be in charge of the arrangements in connection with the meetings of the Mysore Constituent Assembly at Mysore, commencing from Monday the 26th September 1949.

ORDER No. R.L. 451-59—R.A. 2-49-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 22ND SEPTEMBER 1949.

Sri C. Ramaswamy, B.A., Assistant Commissioner, doing duty as Special Duty Officer in connection with the Dasar Festivities is also placed on special duty to be in charge of the arrangements in connection with the meetings of the Mysore Constituent Assembly to be held in Mysore, commencing from 26th September 1949.

The members of the Constituent Assembly are requested to place themselves in communication with Sri C. Ramaswamy for any information or assistance that they may require at Mysore during the meetings of the Constituent Assembly.

The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, the General Manager, Mysore State Railway, the Commissioner, Mysore City Municipality, the Executive Engineer, Mysore Division, the Superintendent, Mysore Power and Lighting and the Executive Engineer, Headquarters Range, Mysore, are requested to render all reasonable help to the Officer on Special Duty.

B. S. PUTTASWAMY,
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